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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda being proposed for the first regular session of 1993 is as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery.
3. Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.
4. Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development.
5. Administrative questions.
6. Other matters.

2. Functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery

For its consideration of this item, ACC has before it a supplementary report prepared by Mr. Blanchard contained in document ACC/1993/CRP.1. (The preliminary report of Mr. Blanchard, submitted to ACC at its second regular session of 1992, was contained in document ACC/1992/CRP.7.)

A number of relevant issues requiring action by ACC were also referred to the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions, the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) and the Organizational Committee of ACC.

In order to facilitate ACC's discussion of this item, an annotated check-list of issues requiring action by ACC, which, inter alia, consolidates the outcomes of the reviews carried out by the above-mentioned bodies, is being prepared, and will be circulated in document ACC/1993/CRP.5.

3. Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

At its first meeting held in New York from 23 to 25 March 1993, the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) focused its attention on: (a) allocating and sharing responsibilities for the implementation of Agenda 21 by the United Nations system; (b) monitoring new and additional financing requirements of organizations of the United Nations system related to Agenda 21, taking into account the decisions of their governing bodies; and (c) preparing for the ACC discussion on follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

A draft statement prepared by IACSD for consideration and possible adoption by ACC is contained in document ACC/1993/CRP.2. The statement will constitute the first part of a report to the Committee on Sustainable Development on progress made in the incorporation of the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system.

4. Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development

A background paper on this item, prepared by the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat is contained in document ACC/1993/CRP.3/Rev.1.

Issues identified by the Organizational Committee of ACC that ACC may wish to take into account in its deliberations are highlighted in document ACC/1993/CRP.3/Add.1.

5. Administrative questions

Draft ACC conclusions on personnel questions, prepared on the basis of the outcome of the seventy-eighth session of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions) (CCAQ(PER)), are before ACC in document ACC/1993/CRP.6.

In accordance with established practice, arrangements will be made for ACC, in the context of its consideration of this agenda item, to hear statements from and have an exchange of views with the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and representatives of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations (FICSA) and the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations (CCISUA).

The attention of ACC is also called to developments pursuant to General Assembly resolution 46/191 B, in which the Assembly reiterated its endorsement of the view of ICSC that the action taken by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in regard to the payment of special post allowances to headquarters Professional staff was incompatible with the common system, and called upon the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1993, to review and, where appropriate, strengthen the applicable sections of the relationship agreements between the United Nations and member organizations of the United Nations common system, in particular article VIII of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union, in order to

enhance comparability and further adherence to the goals and objectives of the common system. The Economic and Social Council, for its part, has decided to consider this matter, taking into account a report that the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) has offered to prepare, as well as a background document by the Secretary-General and a report by the International Civil Service Commission. Meanwhile, the Chairperson of JIU addressed a letter, dated 6 April 1993, to the Secretary-General confirming that a report was being prepared by two inspectors, for submission to the Economic and Social Council, on the issue of maintaining a coherent and unified common system of salaries, allowances and conditions of service. The report would indicate advantages and disadvantages of possible options, both those requiring the revision of the relationship agreements and those leading to the strengthening of the common system that could be undertaken within the existing framework of the agreements.

CCAQ(PER), which looked into the matter at the invitation of the Organizational Committee, has indicated that it has not identified any problems at the working level and therefore does not deem it necessary to pursue a review of article VIII of the relationship agreement between the United Nations and ITU, and of corresponding articles of the agreements between the United Nations and other organizations of the system. ACC may wish to take a position on this matter.

6. Other matters

The summary of conclusions reached by the Organizational Committee at its meeting held from 5 to 8 April 1993, including actions on the reports of ACC subsidiary bodies, is contained in document ACC/1993/2/Add.1.

It will be recalled that in 1991, in the context of the preparation of the biennial work programme for ACC and its subsidiary machinery, the Organizational Committee had proposed that ACC's second regular session of 1993 be held in New York on 19 and 20 October. ACC may also wish to note with appreciation the invitation of ITU to host ACC's first regular session of 1994 at its headquarters in Geneva. Possible dates for the session are 11, 12 and 13 April 1994.